

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the final Office Action dated August 4, 2004 are respectfully requested. In response to the final Office Action, all claims except for Claims 5 and 12 have been cancelled. The Examiner indicated that Claims 5 and 12 are allowable. Therefore, this case is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, the claims pending in the application comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and patentably define over the applied art. A Notice of Allowance is, therefore, respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-6488.

Respectfully submitted,

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